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For:

Statins (HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors) as a Novel Type of

Immunomodulator, Immunosuppressor and Anti-inflammatory Agent

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) dated December 17, 2002 in this application. A Petition For Extension Of Time, up to and including February 17, 2002, and the appropriate fees, are filed herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered in the above-referenced application.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13-15, 27-28, and 31-92 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace the pending with the following claims:

- 5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said mammal is a human.
- 6. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said mammal does not suffer from hypercholesterolaemia.
- (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said mammal is suffering from a condition which is an autoimmune disease.
 - 16. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said statin is used in a topical application.